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- <> SUBJECT: <><>AFGHANISTAN<><>: GAILANI WELCOMES ZAHIR SHAH'S
 - READINESS TO RETURN AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL;
 - SAYYAF'S DEPUTY ASSERTS ALLIANCE OPPOSITION
 TO RETURN OF EX-KING
- <> 1. SUMMARY: IN THE FOLLOWING INTERVIEW WITH <><>AFGHAN<><>
 RESISTANCE LEADER GAILANI, HE WELCOMES EX-KING ZAHIR
 <> SHAH'S READINESS TO RETURN TO <><>AFGHANISTAN<><>, ENDORSES
 RESISTANCE ALLIANCE PLANS TO ELECT A COUNCIL AND WORK
 TOWARD AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT, SEES NO RESTRICTION ON
 WOMEN VOTING ACCORDING TO ISLAMIC PRACTICES, ASSURES
 THAT MUJAHIDIN ATTACKS IN THE SOVIET UNION WERE NOT
 UNDER DIRECTIVES FROM HIS PARTY, AND PROMISES THAT THE
 MUJAHIDIN WILL REJECT ANY PEACE SETTLEMENT WHICH IS
 NOT FAIR. A SECOND ARTICLE REPORTS THAT AHMAD SHAH,
 DEPUTY TO RESISTANCE LEADER SAYYAF, HAS ASSERTED THAT
 THE RESISTANCE ALLIANCE HAS CATEGORICALLY REJECTED THE
 EX-KING'S RETURN TO POWER.

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2. THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE AND INTERVIEW OF PIR GAILANI APPEARED IN "THE MUSLIM" DATED MAY 11, 1987 UNDER THE HEADLINE "GAILANI WELCOMES ZAHIR SHAH'S ANNOUNCEMENT" BEGIN TEXT. ISLAMABAD, MAY 16: PIR SAYED AHMED GAILANI, ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE SEVEN-PARTY

- <> ALLIANCE OF THE <>>AFGHAN<>> RESISTANCE, HAS WELCOMED THE RECENT DECLARATION OF EX-KING ZAHIR SHAH IN A BBC INTERVIEW EXPRESSING HIS READINESS TO RETURN TO
- <> <>>AFGHANISTAN<>> TO SERVE HIS PEOPLE. WHILE SEVERAL OTHER RESISTANCE LEADERS HAVE VOICED BITTER OPPOSITION TO ANY FUTURE ROLE FOR THE FORMER MONARCH, PIR GAILANI SAID, "WE WELCOME HIS DECISION TO GO BACK AS A COMMON PERSON TO HELP HIS COUNTRY."
- "IN OUR OPINION," PIR GAILANI SAID, "EVERY MUSLIM
- <> <>>AFGHAN<>> HAS A RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE, AT ANY TIME, IN THE JIHAD, AND IF ZAHIR SHAH HAS NOT PARTICIPATED SO FAR, HE MIGHT EXPLAIN IT SOME DAY. ZAHIR SHAH OWES MORE TO
- <> THE <>>AFGHAN<>> NATION THAN ANYBODY ELSE BECAUSE HE WAS THE KING FOR 40 YEARS AND THE PEOPLE RESPECTED HIM. IT WOULD BE A GROSS POLITICAL OFFENCE," GAILANI CONTINUED, "IF HE DID NOT PARTICIPATE NOW, BUT ONLY AS
- <> AN <>>AFGHAN<>> CITIZEN."

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH "THE MUSLIM", PIR GAILANI, WHO IS HEAD OF THE NATIONAL ISLAMIC FRONT, ONE OF THE THREE MODERATE PARTIES IN THE MUJAHIDIN ALLIANCE, ALSO SPOKE ABOUT THE ALLIANCE'S RECENT DECISION TO WORK TOWARD THE FORMATION OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT. THIS INVOLVES EFFORTS TO SET UP A SHOORA OR COUNCIL, THROUGH ELECTIONS. WHILE MANY OF ITS DETAILS REMAIN TO BE SETTLED, WHAT IS ENVISAGED ARE ELECTIONS TO A COUNCIL CONSISTING OF OVER 300 MEMBERS, IN WHICH PARTICIPATION

- <> WOULD BE SOUGHT OF <>>AFGHANS<>> IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS IN PAKISTAN AND IRAN (WHO WILL HAVE 20 PER CENT REPRESENTATION ON THE COUNCIL) AS WELL AS
- <> PARTICIPATION INSIDE <>>AFGHANISTAN<>> THROUGH <>>AFGHAN<>> GUERRILLA COMMANDERS AND GROUPS (WHO WILL HAVE 80 PER CENT REPRESENTATION IN THE SHOORA).

EXPLAINING THE BACKGROUND OF THE IDEA TO FORM A COUNCIL, PIR GAILANI SAID: "EVER SINCE I TOOK REFUGE HERE NINE YEARS AGO, I HAVE BEEN TELLING MY FRIENDS AND OTHER LEADERS OF THE ALLIANCE THAT THERE SHOULD BE

- <> AN ELECTED SHOORA, WHICH ENABLES THE <>>AFGHAN<>> PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN EVERY ASPECT OF THE JIHAD. IT WAS ALSO IMPORTANT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND THE
- <> WORLD TO KNOW THAT THE <>>AFGHAN<>> NATION IS PARTICIPATING IN WHAT IS GOING ON. IT WAS MY VIEW FROM THE BEGINNING THAT THE LEADER OF THE COALITION OR THE UNITY ALLIANCE SHOULD BE CHOSEN BY THIS SHOORA. OVER THE YEARS, MANY ALLIANCES WERE FORGED, BUT THEY BROKE UP SINCE THEY LACKED A POPULAR BASE.": PIR GAILANI EXPRESSED PLEASURE OVER THE FACT THAT AFTER LONG AND

ARDUOUS DELIBERATIONS, OTHER LEADERS HAD ACCEPTED THE
IDEA OF A SHOORA. HE SAID, "I AM PARTICULARLY HAPPY
THAT GULBUDDIN HIKMATIAR HAS BACKED THE PROPOSAL."
EXPLAINING THE NEED FOR A SHOORA. HE SAID: "SINCE WE
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 HAVE PLEDGED TO MAKE A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH
 <> WILL MATERIALIZE ONCE THE PRESENT <><>KABUL<><> REGIME IS
 DISSOLVED, WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT THE TRANSITIONAL
 GOVERNMENT IS STRONG AND HAS POPULAR BACKING."
 ALTHOUGH DETAILS OF THE PROCEDURE FOR ELECTIONS HAVE
 YET TO BE SETTLED, I.E. WHETHER IT WILL BE A TRIBAL
 JIRGA OR A BALLOT BOX SYSTEM, PIR GAILANI TOLD "THE
 MUSLIM" THAT "TWO PERSONS FROM EACH ORGANIZATION HAVE
 BEEN ELECTED TO A REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE TO
 FORMULATE THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE PROCEDURE AND THEN THE
 MODUS OPERANDI WILL COME INTO PLAY." THIS COMMITTEE
 IS WORKING ON THE METHODS FOR ELECTIONS. ASKED HOW
 LONG HE THOUGHT THIS PROCESS WILL TAKE, PIR GAILANI
 SAID HE ENVISAGES SIX MONTHS. IT WAS UNLIKELY IT
 WOULD BE ANY SOONER THAN THIS.. BUT HE STRESSED THAT
 THIS SHOULD NOT BE PUT IN FREEZE AGAIN."

WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE STATEMENT OF ANOTHER RESISTANCE LEADER, HEZBI ISLAMI'S YUNUS KHALIS, IN WHICH HE SAID WOMEN WERE NOT HAVE VOTING RIGHTS, PIR GAILANI SAID: "FIRSTLY, IT IS KHALIS' OWN POLITICAL POINT OF VIEW. SECOND EVEN BEFORE IN <<<AFGHANISTAN>>> IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR WOMEN TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, WITH PARTICIPATION GENERALLY CONFINED TO CITIES. AS FAR AS VOTING IS CONCERNED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ISLAM, SO LONG AS IT IS DONE IN 'HIJAB' AND PURDAH, I SEE NO RESTRICTIONS ON WOMEN TO VOTE. AND WHEN I SAY 'HIJAB,' I REFER TO SAFEGUARDING WOMEN'S HONOR." BUT HE ALSO SAID THAT "IN PRESENT CONDITIONS IT MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR WOMEN TO VOTE BECAUSE IN THE CITIES WE (THE RESISTANCE) HAVE NO JURISDICTION RIGHT NOW."

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT RECENT MUJAHIDIN ATTACKS INSIDE SOVIET TERRITORY, PIR GAILANI SAID: "I CAN ASSURE YOU THESE ATTACKS DID NOT TAKE PLACE UNDER OUR DIRECTIVES. BUT IT REMAINS A FACT THAT OUR PEOPLE ARE UNDER CONSTANT ATTACK AND BOMBARDMENT. THEY ARE FRUSTRATED AND OUT OF FRUSTRATION THEY WILL DO ANYTHING. WE CANNOT CONTROL THEIR ANGER." PIR GAILANI ALSO RETORTED BY SAYING THAT THIS QUESTION SHOULD REALLY BE PUT TO THE SOVIETS, BECAUSE IT IS "THEY, WHO ATTACKED OUR PEOPLE. WE HAVE 3 MILLION REFUGEES HERE ON YOUR SOIL. WHY? SO THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE ASKED OF THEM."

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE WIDE PUBLIC ASSESSMENT IN PAKISTAN THAT AN ESCALATION OF THE WAR IS IN THE OFFING WHICH WILL DIM THE CHANCES OF A NEGOTIATED PEACE, PIR GAILANI SAID: "THIS WAR HAS BEEN IMPOSED ON US. WE ARE NOT THE AGGRESSORS BUT THE AGGRESSED. WE ARE FIGHTING FOR PRINCIPLES. IF THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE AGAINST THOSE PRINCIPLES, FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE PRESENT <<<KABUL>>> REGIME IS ALLOWED TO STAY, THEN ALL OUR EFFORTS WILL GO DOWN THE DRAIN." HE EMPHASIZED THAT IF A SETTLEMENT WAS NOT "FAIR," THE MUJAHIDIN WILL NOT AGREE TO IT. PIR GAILANI SAID THAT "WE ARE VERY HAPPY THAT THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN ARE NOT FORCING US INTO AN UNJUST SETTLEMENT EVEN THOUGH THEY WANT PEACE AND DON'T WANT THE WAR TO CONTINUE."

DISCUSSING SOVIET MOVES, HE SAID, "WE HAD NEVER WRONGED THE RUSSIANS. WE THOUGHT WE WERE VERY GOOD FRIENDS WITH THEM. AND THIS IS THE RESULT." PIR GAILANI SAID THIS "SOVIET INSINCERITY" SHOULD BE INSTRUCTIVE TO OTHERS. BUT, HE ADDED, "EVEN NOW, IF THE RUSSIANS SETTLE THE WAR FAIRLY, WE WILL BE PREPARED TO HAVE NORMAL NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS WITH THEM. IT IS UP TO THEM TO REDRESS WHAT THEY HAVE DONE IN ORDER TO FORGE A CORDIAL RELATIONSHIP FOR THE FUTURE."

FINALLY, ANSWERING A QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER HE THOUGHT

THE RECENT SPATE OF BOMB BLASTS HAD GENERATED
ANTI-REFUGEE SENTIMENT IN PAKISTAN. PIR GAILANI SAID...
"THIS WAS THE INTENTION (OF THE SABOTEURS) OF THE...
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<> <><>KABUL<><> REGIME, BUT IT HAS FAILED TO AGITATE THE PEOPLE
OF PAKISTAN AGAINST THE REFUGEES." HE CALLED THESE
ACTIONS "CRIMES" COMMITTED AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF
<> PAKISTAN BECAUSE <><>KABUL<><> BEARS A GRUDGE AGAINST THE

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3. IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN THE MAY 17, 1987
EDITION OF NAWA-I-WAQT (MASS CIRCULATION URDU DAILY),
<> AHMAD SHAH, DEPUTY TO ITTEHAD-I-ISLAMI <><>AFGHANISTAN<><>'S
LEADER SAYYAF, HAS REJECTED THE POSSIBILITY OF ZAHIR
SHAH'S RETURN TO POWER. SHAH SAID THAT NEITHER THE
U.S. NOR THE SOVIET UNION HAS MADE ANY CONTACT WITH
ZAHIR SHAH, AND ONLY THE MEDIA IS PLAYING A ROLE TO
INSTALL HIM. HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE SEVEN-PARTY
<> <><>AFGHAN<><> RESISTANCE ALLIANCE HAS CATEGORICALLY REJECTED
THE EX-MONARCH'S RETURN.
<> 3. <><>KABUL<><> MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. HINTON##
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